

REMARKS

Claims 1-55 are pending in this application. Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully solicited prior to taking up the case for examination.

Support in the disclosure for newly added claims 19-55 is found within, but not limited to, the following portions of the original patent:

Claim 19: Claim 8 from original patent with "vitreous alumina silicate" deleted and "refractory ceramic fiber" added; Col. 2, lines 12-20; Col. 7, lines 57-63.

Claim 20: Col. 2, lines 12-20; Col. 3, lines 24-31; Col. 4, lines 48-56; Col. 5, lines 42-47; Col. 5, lines 57-62; Col. 6, lines 11-43; Figs. 11, 15-18, and 21; Abstract.

Claim 21: Col. 3, lines 33-37.

Claim 22: Col. 3, lines 24-31; Fig. 1, 3, 9, 10 and 15.

Claim 23: Col. 3, lines 24-31; Fig. 1, 3, 9, 10 and 15.

Claim 24: Col. 6, lines 15-43; Figs. 16-18.

Claim 25: Col. 6, lines 15-43; Figs. 16-18.

Claim 26: Col. 6, lines 15-27.

Claim 27: Col. 6, lines 36-43.

Claim 28: Col. 6, lines 28-35; Fig. 17.

Claim 29: Col. 2, lines 12-20; Col. 5, lines 42-52; Col. 5, lines 57-62; Abstract.

Claim 30: Col. 3, lines 24-31; Col. 4, lines 48-56; Col. 6, lines 11-43; Figs. 1, 3, 9, 10 and 15-18.

Claim 31: Col. 6, lines 15-43; Figs. 16-18.

Claim 32: Col. 2, lines 12-20; Col. 3, lines 24-31; Col. 6, lines 11-43; Figs. 15-18.

Claim 33: Col. 3, lines 24-31; Fig. 1, 3, 9, 10 and 15.

Claim 34: Col. 3, lines 24-31; Fig. 1, 3, 9, 10 and 15.

Claim 35: Col. 6, lines 15-43; Figs. 16-18.

Claim 36: Col. 6, lines 15-43; Figs. 16-18.

Claim 37: Col. 6, lines 15-27.

Claim 38: Col. 6, lines 36-43.

Claim 39: Fig. 18.

Claim 40: Col. 6, lines 28-35; Fig. 17.

